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P.S. This receives no reply. I
would not circulate petitions
after this even if you sent them.
I have no personal stake in
this except that I hate the
U.M.W.A. and admire your own
president James Hoffa whom I
have seen on TV telling the
phony politicians what to get
~~off~~ off. Now get my words
into shape or we'll agree
on our own Union Agreement
expire April 1st, ~~1968~~ and
at the last meeting of
the U.M.W.A. District Branch
Committee of 5 members
was elected to conduct
negotiations with the boat owners.
I was elected as a member
of this Committee, with short
power that the membership ~~to~~
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BROTHER SCOWCAPTAINS

PAWNS IN A COLD WAR

When our long struggle to straighten out the internal affairs in our Union was at the verge of success, a group working with the barking of an organization hostile toward the N. M. U. worked up membership hysteria by raising paycut issues and spreading vicious lies about Captain O'Hare who they are using as a bogeyman, saying he wants each Captain to work FOUR boats, and about us --- they illegally elected a character named Thomas (?) Wilhelm with the right to put anybody he wanted on the payroll. With the help of Bushey Graham and apparently also Kasten, they went to the bank and drew out the Union treasury of about \$7000 before it could be impounded.

GRABS THE GREY HAM:

RUNS FOR UTOPIA.

They grabbed everything Kasten left behind including Bushey Graham and the Union Office, which they paid guards to occupy night and day. They also called back Kasten & other man McPartland, and we had to move the office manager Tom Anglin down stairs to con-

that is too much to go into here, using every trick in the trade to set it over. They quit our Union Local 335 U. M. D.—N. M. U.; yet they said that they were still Local 335 even after having left it!! They said they had gotten a Charter as a branch of the tree that grows in Brooklyn, the S. I. U. which at the affiliation hoax affair was described as standing for Security Independent Utopia (S. I. U., Jack Korn.)

BARKING UP WRONG TREE.

When Paul Hall made the commitment he did not know what kind of people he was dealing with. He had to issue trip cards on slow boats to China to separate individuals fighting for the loot. Even that did not stop fighting among those who were left, and one man was thrown down the stairs and had to be taken to the hospital. When he got out he went to their lawyer and demanded "the Union" pay the hospital bill. He was told to go see Wilhelm. Paul Hall also found that he had been misinformed about the nature of our problems. We all know what followed, and when President Meany of the A. F. L.—C. I. O. requested that the S. I. U. withdraw its charter and send this bunch of troublemakers packing, Paul Hall didn't have to be asked twice. He'd had it. Meany gave him an easy-out.

WINDFALL FOR WINDBAGS.

Having created utter confusion they were able to ride around in the Union's cars and represent themselves as delegates, collecting thousands of dollars in dues. At a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. evidently because no labor organization would rent them a hall, they voted

dues money had already been spent. We know that by giving them enough rope they would expose themselves as the real phonies, which they have now done. This will enable us to get rid of not only Kasten and Graham, but also the other fakers and enable us to start over with a clean slate in time to prepare for negotiating a new agreement and for new local elections. That makes it worth the money lost.

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BROTHER SCOWCAPTAINS

ATTEMPTING COMPANY UNION SETUP?

Their "Johnny-Come-Lately" new phoney local set up in defiance of George Meany and the whole A. F. L.-C. I. O. is not going to get us away from the U. M. D. to enable them to sign Company Union agreements at any terms as long as they get control of haring, the right to charge \$200 for jobs and to collect dues. They brag that they have been to the D. A., have cases galore in Court and that the "Labor Board" is on the verge of "slapping down such parasites as O'Hare, his U. M. D. and puppets" has gone on so long that it is getting monotonous. Their Lawyer of course encouraged all kinds of Legal action as long as there was money in it for him. The membership will "slap down" the unholy trio of Wilhelm, Forbes and Graham, draw up our own demand for a better agreement, and face the owners with a sane and strong committee backed by the U. M. D. N. M. U. and all organized labor.

BULLETIN.

At a regular membership meeting at 107 Washington Street on October 18th, a man was appointed by the President of the U. M. D. and approved by the members present to visit Scows and see that all Captains get back into good standing as required by the Unions Shop clause in our agreement with the boat owners. Those who were missed can straighten themselves up by visiting the Union Office on the 3rd floor of 107 Washington Street, or with the temporally appointed delegate. — As for those who paid dues to the wrong parties, all considerations will be accorded circumstances under which they paid, and to the attitude of each man.

President Meany's decision which is backed by Deleney of the Operating Engineers and the whole A. F. L.-C. I. O. means that the U. M. D. — N. M. U. retains jurisdiction over the Scow Captains.

Issued by Rank and File Members,

Local 336 U. N. D. N. M. U., AFL-CIO.

MINUTIA FOR MINERS

At this year's miners' conference in Denver, the U. M. D. and the A. F. L.-C. I. O. adopted a resolution that miners should be granted a minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour. This resolution was carried by a vote of 1,200 to 100.

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Brooklyn N.Y., Dec 29th 60

Mr. Harold J. Gibbons

Dear Sir

You well remember your communications with me and the reprints of the Article concerning your trouble with the S.I.U. scales in Puerto Rico which cost the life of some of your men. Those reprints are now in the hands of harbor workers here. Though I have only a limited mailing list, I have key men on the various unions, and the prints got a thorough circulation.

When President Gleaney of the Q.F.L.-C.I.O. requested the S.I.U. withdraw its charter Paul Hall complied immediately, but the local did not go back to the United Marine Division, N. M. U. The leaders of the fraction that went over to the S.I.U., who it appears controls about 3/3 of the Seaw-Captains, sent out letters to the membership that we are now Independent, calling themselves the Independent Deck Seaw Local 335, stressing the need more than ever before of sticking COVER

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together against Capt. Joseph O'Hare who is the President of the United Marine Division and against whom they have build up membership hate. The reason they can get away with that is that Capt. O'Hare used to come down and take over our local meetings, ~~push~~ aside our local officials and run the meetings in person to suit himself. Taking personal issue with any member who took the floor. The local officials did not resist him. When the membership got the upper hand, instead of using its rights to put him in his place, they followed the S.I.U. plans into the S.I.U. with the consequences that is now well known.

Actually the U.M.D. consists of 3 locals. Local 333 is the tugboats and oil barges. That is the key to the whole set up. Local 334 is the barges carrying coal which is the

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one to be eminent. If you could send me some petitions to get in on that election, I personally believe that the I.B.T. would stand a damned good chance of getting the majority vote. You would have bargaining power with the deckscow operators because your members handle the cargo of the scows in the basic runs, the sand, stone and gravel. However we would want no part of the gang that played footsie with the S.I.U. That is Wilhelm, Forbes, Graham, Nappo, Salomon etc. But we dont need them, All we need is enough signatures to get in on the A.L.R.B. elections which I think is coming — one side or the other is going to demand it — whatever needs the A.L.B. Labor Board rules against. If the I.B.T. could get in on that, I think most scowcaptains would vote for it. If you are interested, please send me petitions, but act fast.

Sam Carlson, 418-58th St. Brooklyn 20, N.Y.

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smallest consisting now of only about 130 members. We are Local 335 consisting of about 750 members, one man Tugboat boat employed in Sand & gravel, crushed stone, scrap iron, copper, cinders, ballast, trucks, and various other harbor Trade. Our natural affiliation is with the Tugboats who tow and handle the boats, but the head of the Tugboat Local is Capt. O'Hare who most scow Captains hate partly because of his own attitude, and partly because of the propaganda this S.I.U. gang has put out explaining this. That is why that in spite of Sheaney's decision they have been able to keep most scow Captains from going back to the U.M.W.A. Our Union Contract expires on April 1st 1961, and both sides claim just etc. Actually most scow Captains don't want either one of them; a N.L.R.B. election seems to

Brooklyn Sep 20²⁵ 1960

Mr H. J. Gibbons:

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Carlson, Samuel

Dear Sir:

Received your letter of ~~Sep. 2-~~ and also
the reprints, for which I am grateful and
want to express deepfelt appreciation on
behalf of myself and others.

It is my pleasure to be able to report
that the S.I.U. has been ordered by George
Meany of the C.F.L.-C.I.O. to withdraw
the charter from the group to whom
they issued it, and who they used to
call the jurisdictional strike in July,
which became effective only when the
Teamsters respected those S.I.U. picket
lines on orders from Mr. O'Rourke, who
perhaps had not at that time been
informed concerning the S.I.U. attacks
on Teamsters picketlines elsewhere.

Our job now is to get rid of the S.I.U.
plants who now may try to run our Local
within the United Marine Division, N.M.U.,
~~to take~~ the organization that holds our
bargaining agreement with our
employers, with the hope of steering
us back into the S.I.U. next spring
when this agreement expires. The

reports you mailed me are been
circulated and as any effective strike
on our part depends upon the backing
of either the U.M.W. or the I.B.T., it
should convince the memberships that
if they return to the S.I.U., no
strike (under S.I.U. auspices) can be effective.

I have thought of the possibility of the
same men who have been playing footsie
with the S.I.U., in order to avoid the
order ^{to} return to the U.M.W.-N.M.W., now
might apply to you for a charter. The
names of the S.I.U. stooges are Thomas M.
Wilhelm, Edward Surman and one
Edgerton. One John Forbes has acted as
Wilhelm's right hand man. David Graham
an old delegate while in the U.M.W. joined
hands with them and was kept on the payroll.
Another S.I.U. plant is J. Nappo. Wilhelm,
Forbes, Graham and Nappo Took over our
local and put themselves on the Union
Payroll as "Board of Directors" without
any elections having been held. They also
hired an office clerk, making a total of
5 full time Union Functionaries in a local
where only two paid officials are necessary.
Since they Took over in May, they have
put our local in the red - there is a
strong sentiment for the Teamsters with
they now may try to exploit for their own aims.
Sam Carlson

Office of the General President

To: **Jake McCarthy**
From: **H. J. Gibbons**

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Please send Samuel Carlson as per attached letter

500 copies of the reprint from our magazine on the Puerto
Rico violence.

H.J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
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September 2, 1960

Mr. Samuel Carlson
418 58th Street
Brooklyn 20, New York

Dear Mr. Carlson:

I have your communication of August 27th and under separate cover we are sending you reprints showing the S. I. U. attacking our picket lines in Puerto Rico.

The plant on strike was a newspaper run by one of the most vicious reactionary employers on the Island. We organised the entire work jurisdiction of the newspaper and was forced to strike for recognition and a contract. As soon as we put up picket lines, the S. I. U., who had no members involved, and who were not even attempting to organise the plant, acted as strike breakers for the employer. Two of our people died from the beatings of S. I. U. and the police, and of course, dozens were hospitalised and practically every one of our pickets were jailed. We are still maintaining our line, however, and will win. Thank you for your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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Brooklyn N.Y.

Aug 27th 1960

Gentlemen:

I am a member of Deckers
Captains local 335, which was recently
taken over by the S.I.U. in a raid
on the United Marine Division, N.M.U.

On July 20th they sent swarms
of unemployed S.I.U. members putting
men off the boats and establishing
picketlines. On July 21st and 22nd
the Teamsters ~~not~~ respected their
S.I.U. picketlines which made the
strike effective. It was settled
on Sunday July 25th when representatives
of George Meany stepped in.

If you have any extra issues
of The International Teamster for
August 1960, containing proof that
the I.B.T. picketlines elsewhere were
attacked by S.I.U. goons assisting
police, I would appreciate it if
you would mail me some for
distribution among our members.
Being at war with the U.M.D. whose
Tugboats can handle our boats
without us during any strike, if our
picketlines under the S.I.U. will not
be respected by Teamsters because
of S.I.U. activity, our position is
hopeless of staying with the S.I.U.

I want to convince our members
of this. Samuel Carlson
418 - 58th Street
Brooklyn 2D, N.Y.